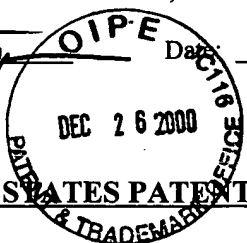


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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement and PTO 1449 with eleven (11) references.  
☐ Substitute Specification.  
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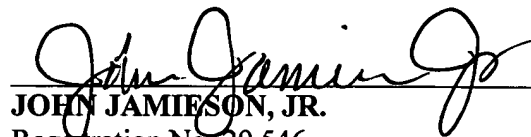
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